GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Quacks and Fake Doctors
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a number of quacks and fake doctors are operating, particularly in the rural and remote areas across the country, and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has drawn any action plan to identify and check the activities of such unqualified medical practitioners in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the number of such unqualified medical practitioners detected and punished during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to punish the institutes who have issued fake certificates to such medical practitioners?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) to (d): No data on quacks is maintained centrally. The Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, prohibits a person other than a medical practitioner enrolled on a State Medical Register to practice medicine in the State. Punishment of imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year or with a fine which may extend to Rs. 1,000/- or both is also prescribed.